

into contact with the social worker greatly lessens the chances of successful rehabilitation. The problem can be met only by a widely integrated scheme of social service which will facilitate the social follow-up of venereal disease patients and will also play its part in combating these social conditions predisposing to sexual promiscuity which is the fundamental cause of the persistence of venereal disease.

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## NEWS AND NOTES

### Vancouver measures to eradicate venereal diseases

Williams in an address on the control of venereal diseases stated that the acquisition of these diseases is chiefly caused by the community conditions which make easily accessible to healthy persons intimate contact with those who are infected with venereal disease. The facilitation process consists in the participation of a third party, often for financial profit, through whom persons with venereal diseases are made easily accessible to healthy individuals. The facilitation process is concerned mainly with hotels, dance halls, furnished rooms and similar places. Persons with recently acquired venereal infections are potentially valuable to the community because they can supply details of the sources of infection and the circumstances in which access was gained to these sources. Accurate and detailed information about the source and the facilitation process is essential. The suppression of facilitation is the ultimate aim and the facilitators must be made aware of their responsibility to the community. If voluntary cooperation with public health authorities is withheld, then laws and by-laws must be enforced. In the Greater Vancouver Area the public health authorities from 1938 to 1941 investigated the nature and extent of the facilitation process and took effective action against it. The result has been reduced venereal disease incidence in the area.—*Venereal Disease Information, Washington, September, 1943.*

### Regulation 33B

The Minister of Health has stated that this Regulation was designed to deal only with a small class of infected persons who have always constituted a special problem. Further effective measures to deal with venereal diseases are at present under consideration.—*Hansard, 16th March, 1944, 418.*

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## EDITORIAL NOTES

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*American Journal of the Medical Sciences*  
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*Crónica médica*  
*Indian Journal of Venereal Diseases*  
*Indian Medical Gazette*  
*Journal of the Cape Town Post-Graduate Medical Association*  
*Journal of Experimental Medicine*  
*Medical Times*  
*Medicina Española*  
*Memorias do Instituto Biologico Ezequiel Dias*  
*New England Journal of Medicine*  
*Revista de medicina Tropical y Parasitologia Bacteriologia clinica y Laboratio*  
*Revista de Sanidad y Assistencia Social*  
*Revista del Instituto de Salubridad y enfermedades tropicales*  
*Revista médica de Chile*  
*Revista médica de Yucatan*  
*South African Journal of Medical Sciences*  
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